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City Budget Includes Funding for Kaneohe Driver's Licensing Office
Funding now available to re-open much needed licensing and testing facility

HONOLULU, HI – The City's Fiscal Year 2006 Executive Operating Budget passed third reading at the June 6 City Council meeting. Included in budget is an amendment submitted by Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz providing the funding needed to re-open the Kaneohe Police Station driver's licensing office and testing station which has been closed since June 21, 2004.

The amendment provides for seven Driver License Examiner 1 positions (\$200,070) and one Driver License Examiner 2 position (\$34,817) for the Kaneohe License Branch and Windward Community Branch. It also provides \$125,000 in current expense money for office supplies, furniture, utilities and rental facility costs, bring the amendment total to \$359,887.

"The Windward community has made it loud and clear that this branch is a need to have facility," said Council Chair Dela Cruz. "I was also very pleased to hear the Mayor express his support of this amendment at the June 8 Kahaluu Neighborhood Board meeting."

Council Chair Dela Cruz included the amendment in the City's Operational Budget to restore positions that had been cut by the previous City Administration.

Honolulu City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz represents Council District 2, which includes Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Waimea, Pupukea, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kahana, Kaaawa, Kualoa, Waiahole, Kahaluu, Ahuimanu, and a portion of Heeiea.

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